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**SUBMISSION OF 1<sup>ST</sup> SUBSTITUTE APPEAL BRIEF**

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In response to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief as entered in the above-captioned matter on November 17, 2009, we submit the included 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute Appeal Brief. This Substitute Appeal Brief, in the summary of claimed subject matter, separately identifies and separately refers each independent claim to the specification by Page and Line number. The independent claims are not grouped together in the newly submitted portion at the Brief.

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We respectfully submit that all issues specified in the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief have been addressed and that the 1<sup>st</sup> Substitute Appeal Brief is in suitable condition to support further consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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